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RE: FOIA 2013-IGFP-00033

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 8 to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for records concerning a U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS-OIG) investigation into allegations of misconduct involving the SEC OIG. On October 15, the SEC FOIA Office referred your request to the Postal Service OIG.

I located the document you requested, a report of investigation consisting of a 66 pages. I determined to release 12 pages in full and 54 pages with excisions made pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(5) and 7(C), *cite as 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E).*

I attempted wherever possible to segregate releasable information to maximize disclosure. I relied on exemption 5 to exempt from release information drawn from unreleased SEC agency documents covered by the deliberative process privilege, where the privilege protects not merely documents, but also the integrity of the deliberative process itself where the exposure of that process could result in harm.

I applied exemption 7C to personal and other information collected for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. I applied exemption 7E to protect SEC OIG agency law enforcement information, the disclosure of which might lead to vulnerabilities or circumvention of the law.

If you are not satisfied with my action on this response to your request, you may administratively appeal this partial denial by writing to the attention of Gladis Griffith, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Inspector General, 1735 N. Lynn Street, Arlington, VA 22209-2020, within 30 days of the date of this letter. Include a copy of your initial request and this response, as well as your reasons and arguments supporting disclosure of the information. Mark both the letter and the envelope "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

/s/

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